SEVENTIETH REPORT

of the

Board of Directors

of the

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company

to the

Stockholders

For the Year Ended December 31, 1923



Lehigh Valley Railroad Company

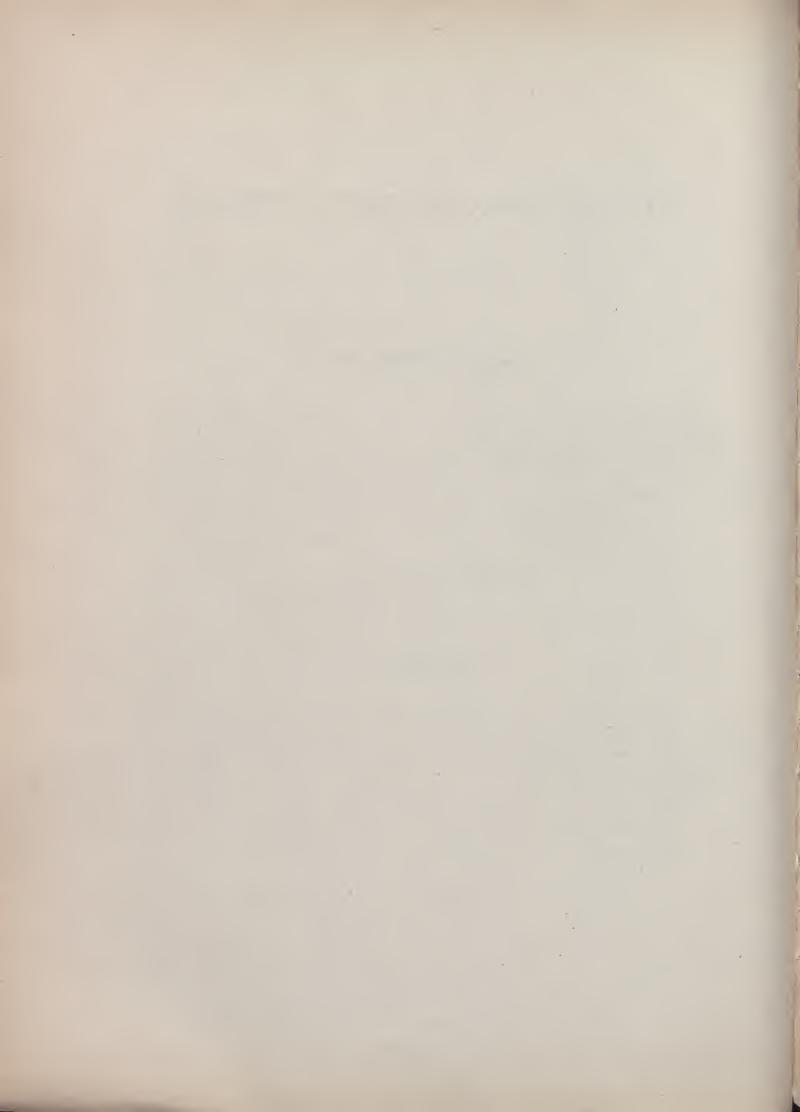
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Seventieth Report

Philadelphia, Pa., April 2, 1924.

To the Stockholders of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors submits herewith a report of the business and condition of your Company for the year ended December 31, 1923.

INCOME

The Corporate Income for the year was as follows:	
Total Operating Revenues Total Operating Expenses	
Net Operating Revenues	\$9,180,939.25
Railway Tax Accruals	
Uncollectible Railway Revenues	
Equipment Rents—Net	
Joint Facility Rents—Net	2,607,818.86
Net Railway Operating Income	\$6,573,120.39 9,583,293.72
Total Income Deductions from Income	\$16,156,414.11
Net Income	\$8,586,612.57
PROFIT AND LOSS	
Balance December 31, 1922	\$45,202,526.25
Transferred from Income	8,586,612.57
Miscellaneous Items—Net	241,137.06
	\$54,030,275.88
Dividends	4,245.749.00
Balance December 31, 1923	\$49,784,526.88

The largest business in the history of your Company was handled in 1923. Aside from the first three months, when a particularly severe winter served to increase costs and general traffic suffered because of

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intensive concentration on the handling of anthracite, the year was a normal one. Factors beyond the control of the management, however, kept expenses at a high level, and revenues were affected by a nineteen-day suspension of mining at the beginning of September due to labor troubles involving the entire anthracite field. A comparative Income Statement in detail will be found on page 15.

FINANCIAL

The following obligations matured during the year and payment was provided for out of funds in the Treasury:

Collateral Trust 4% Bonds	:	\$1,000,000.00
Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds		4.762.000.00
Consolidated Mortgage 6% Bonds		5.638.000.00
	-	
	\$1	11 400 000 00

At the close of the year your Company held in its Treasury the following securities of its own issue, amounting to \$21,572,000.00, no part of which is included in the unpledged securities amounting to \$16,111,252.06 shown on page 10:

Collateral Trust 4% Bonds	\$592,000.00 20,980,000.00
_	\$21,572,000.00

Since September 30, 1903, the date of the General Consolidated Mortgage, expenditures of approximately \$60,000,000.00 have been made for Additions and Betterments to the property of your Company and for other capital purposes against which no new or additional securities have been issued.

Your Company has no equipment trust obligations.

The bonds of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and its subsidiaries, in the hands of the public, as of December 31, 1923, amounted to \$121,533,000.00, bearing an average interest rate of 4.71 per cent. This is a reduction of \$10,819,000.00, as compared with the close of the previous year, and the interest rate also shows a reduction.

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for Additions and Betterments to Road and Equipment, including expenditures on subsidiary railroad properties, amounted to \$11,876,399.72, against which there were credits representing the sale or retirement of property of \$9,826,749.37, leaving a net expenditure of \$2,049,650.35.

To expedite the movement of trains and reduce the costs of handling business, additional yard tracks and other improvements were provided at Newark, Irvington, Hillside, South Plainfield, Bound Brook, Allentown, Sayre, Lodi and Buffalo. At Rochester a connection with the new Rochester subway and Industrial Switching Railroad was installed.

Freight-handling facilities were increased or improved at Pier 97, East River, New York City; National Docks, Jersey City; Wilkes-Barre, Wyalusing and Manchester.

Your Company acquired a tract of 93 acres at Hillside, adjacent to Newark, along its Irvington Branch, in a growing manufacturing section. This property is being developed for industrial sites, offering the best possible railroad facilities in a large consuming territory and an excellent labor market.

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Thirty new freight locomotives of the Mikado type were placed in service and at the close of the year forty more Mikado freight locomotives and ten Pacific type engines for passenger service had been ordered. In addition, 155 engines were rebuilt and 474 were given general repairs. As a result your Company closed the year with its motive power in most satisfactory condition, ready to meet all demands.

The steam locomotive and coach service operated on the Perth Amboy Branch was replaced by a gaso-line-operated motor-car, affording ample accommodation for passenger travel and effecting a considerable saving in costs.

Twenty-five milk cars were ordered for use in the increasing milk traffic.

In addition to the installation of many new machines and tools in your Company's engine houses and shops, increased facilities for the better handling of repair work were provided at Lehighton, Ashmore, and Coxton.

Work was completed on sixteen bridges on the eastern end of the railroad, referred to in the last Annual Report as being rebuilt to permit the operation of the heaviest freight engines over the entire system.

Three lighters equipped with power hoists, two covered barges, and one heater barge were added to your Company's floating equipment in New York Harbor. One new tug was purchased. Extensive repairs were made during the year to eight lighters, eight covered barges and seven grain boats.

Five semi-portable gasoline-driven tie-tamping machines were purchased.

Twenty-four modern automatic signals were installed, replacing worn out motor signals. Extensive renewals were made to two interlocking plants.

GENERAL REMARKS

The year 1923, everything considered, was a satisfactory one from a traffic and operating viewpoint. The territory traversed by your railroad enjoyed excellent business conditions and the gross revenue received was the largest in the Company's history. Traffic was handled without congestion or delay.

From a labor standpoint, 1923 stands out in strong contrast to the preceding year, your Company having a full force of employes working in close harmony with the management and producing the most satisfactory results.

Stockholders have already been informed through circular letters of the progress made in the separation of The Lehigh Valley Coal Company from the Railroad Company in accordance with the mandate of the United States Supreme Court. Trustees have been appointed to whom the stock of the Coal Company has been transferred and they have offered shares of interest in this stock to stockholders of the Railroad Company as of March 15, 1924, on the basis of one share of interest for each share of railroad stock upon payment of \$1.00 per share. Stockholders may retain their holdings in both companies until December 31, 1927, but dividends of the Coal Company may not be paid to holders of its shares of interest until they have filed an affidavit that they are not owners of Railroad Company stock. Such dividends, however, will be held for the benefit of the owner and will be paid without interest, when the proper affidavit is filed.

The first unit of Claremont Terminal, in Jersey City, directly on New York Bay, has been completed and is now in operation. All its facilities, including a warehouse with capacity for 600 cars of freight, ore unloaders, and an open dock for the handling of heavy shipments, were extensively used during the year by ocean-going steamers. The terminal, with deep water alongside, is an important contribution to the freight-handling facilities of New York Harbor.

Formal transfer to the State of New Jersey of the interest of your Company in the Morris Canal and Banking Company and cancellation of the lease of the canal property was made on March 1, 1923. Under the contract negotiated with the State, as told in the 1922 Report, your Company's title to the "Big Basin" property in Jersey City, on the Hudson River, an important terminal site upon which are piers and other facilities, was permanently established. In addition, your Company retains the canal right-of-way through Jersey City and Bayonne, reaching an important industrial section, and part of the canal right-of-way at Phillipsburg, including its Delaware River terminal. By the settlement of this long standing problem your Company is relieved of taxes and maintenance of canal property for which it had no use, effecting a saving of approximately \$300,000.00 a year.

Your Company now has more than two-thirds of its line equipped with creosoted ties, 317,519 having been placed in the track in the year just closed. Preservation of the life of a tie through creosoting materially reduces expenditures for maintenance of way. The number of ties used in renewals is now considerably less than one-half of the quantity required before this practice was adopted.

Over ninety-eight miles of track were re-laid during the year with new rail, weighing 136 pounds to the yard. Fifty-five per cent. of the main line is now laid with this type of rail. Your Company has been laying 136-pound rail since 1916, and because of this, the average number of tons of new rail laid annually since then has been considerably less than the average tonnage laid annually during the twelve years prior to 1916.

The policy of keeping the freight car equipment of your Company at the best possible standard was continued and 2,135 box cars, gondolas, etc., were given heavy repairs. Since the end of Federal control your which \$11,680,000.00 has been charged to Operating Expenses. These cars are now in good condition and have as great an expectation of service life as new cars of the same type, which would have cost approximately \$43,327,000.00.

Freight claims paid during the year amounted to \$381,823.12, a decrease of \$133,923.37, as compared with the previous year—a most encouraging showing, in view of the fact that the number of cars containing merchandise handled during the year was 47,420 greater than in 1922.

Tax accruals were \$2,851,375.33, an increase of \$535,275.12 over the preceding year.

A total of 106 new industries were located in the territory served by your railroad, seventy-five of these having direct sidetrack connections. To reach the industries 15,363 feet of new track were constructed.

Mr. Charles D. Norton, a director of your Company, and a member of its Executive Committee, died March 6th, 1923. At the beginning of 1923 there was a vacancy in the Board and to fill this and the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Norton, Messrs. Alfred H. Swayne and J. William Robbins were elected directors.

The thanks of the managment are due officers and employes of this Company for their loyal service during the year.

Respectfully,

E. E. LOOMIS,

President.

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Table 1

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
	1	[
INVESTMENTS:		
In road(See Note below)	\$34,339,429.38	
In equipment(See Note below)		
	67,159,370.13	\$101,498,799
Improvements on leased with		
Improvements on leased railway property		. 1,455,360
Miscellaneous physical property Investments in affiliated companies:		2,093,104
Stocks		_,0,0,10
Stocks Bonds	\$61,545,258.47	1
Advances	22,586,493.31	
		107,679,237
Other investments:		
Stocks		
Bonds Notes		
Notes	722,871.72	
Miscellaneous	1,224.04	
	9,647.00	
		1,589,108
Total investments		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	214,315,611
A		
URRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	₾ ₽ ₽24 44₽ 40	
	\$5,534,445.48	
	75,837.30	
	1,588.18	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	768,773.33	
	1,503,884.01	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	1,887,299.89	
	7,630,052.36	
	1,240,610.54	
Other current assets	9,481.76	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Total current accets	403,132.54	
Total current assets		19,055,105.
		19,033,103.
FERRED ASSETS:		
Norking fund advances		
	\$24,318.07	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Other deferred assets	22,892.72	
m	767,804.09	
Total deferred assets		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	815,014.8
NADJUSTED DEBITS:		
Rents and insurance promises it.		
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance	\$31,406.54	
	1,629,292,23	
Total unadjusted debits	, -,	
Total unadjusted debits		1,660,698.7
	_	1,000,090.7
Total Assets	,	
		\$235,846,430.0

Note:—The item Investment in Road represents only road property of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company proper (Phillipsburg, N. J., Company, is \$231,652,207.41.

1923

DECEMBER 31, 1923

LIABILITIES		
rock: Common stock Preferred stock	\$60,501,700.00 106,300.00	
Total stock outstanding		\$60,608,000.00
ONG-TERM DEBT: Funded debt Less—Funded debt held in treasury Total long-term debt outstanding	42,878,000.00	82,158,000.00
Current Liabilities: Loans and bills payable	\$8,000,000.00 109,219.97	
Audited accounts and wages payable. Miscellaneous accounts payable. Interest matured unpaid. Dividends matured unpaid. Funded debt matured unpaid. Unmatured dividends dcclared. Unmatured interest accrued. Unmatured rents accrued.	175,520.46 414,599.25 8,696.64 1,107,000.00 1,061,437.25 779,041.67 311,512.48	
Other current liabilities	`	20,458,202.71
Deferred Liabilities: Liability for provident funds		1
Total deferred liabilities		
Unadjusted Credits: Tax liability Insurance and casualty reserves Operating rescrves Accrued depreciation—Equipment. Other unadjusted credits.	736,478.79 19,730,549.98 175,529.65	
Total unadjusted credits		. 22,217,4213
Corporate Surplus: Additions to property through income and surplus Profit		
Total corporate surplus		49,844,308.2

Statement of Securities of Affiliated Operated Companies Owned, December 31, 1923

Kind	PAR VALUE			
STOCKS:	PLEDGED	TOTAL		
Bay Shore Connecting Railroad Co. Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad Co. Lehigh & New York Railroad Co.—Preferred. Lehigh & New York Railroad Co.—Preferred. Lehigh & New York Railroad Co.—Common. Lehigh Valley Harbor Terminal Railway Co. Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. of New Jersey. Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co. Loyalsock Railroad Co. Montrose Railroad Co. Pennsylvania & New York Canal & Railroad Co. Sehuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Miscellaneous	a \$1,500,000.00 b 555,000.00 b 3,346,430.00 b 155,100.00 b 20,433,000.00 b 11,745,000.00 b 825,000.00 b 1,511,550.00 b 2,000,000.00	\$27,900.00 100,000.00 100,000.00 8,500.00	\$27,900.00 1,500,000.00 565,000.00 3,346,430.00 155,100.00 100,000.00 20,433,000.00 11,745,000.00 825,000.00 100,000.00 2,000,000.00 8,500.00	
Total Bonds:	,,,,,,,,,, -	\$236,400.00	\$42,317,480.00	
Easton & Northern Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Easton & Northern Railroad Co., Debentures. Greenville & Hudson Railway Co., First Mortgage. Irvington Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Lehigh-Buffalo Terminal Railway Corp'n, First Mortgage. Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. of New Jersey, Debentures. Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co., Debentures. Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Loyalsock Railroad Co., Debentures. Middlesex Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Montrose Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Montrose Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Montrose Railroad Co., Debentures. Penna & New York Canal & Railroad Co., Debentures Rochester Southern Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Debentures. Seneca County Railway, First Mortgage. Total Grand Total	b \$23,000,00 c 4,000,000.00 b 3,310,000.00 b 6,643,000.00 b 1,640,000.00 c 6,000.00 \$15,657,000.00	\$249,000.00 350,000.00 125,000.00 375,000.00 1,000.00 400,000.00 100,000.00 12,000.00 425,000.00 2,000,000.00 \$4,537,000.00	1,000,00 35,000,00 400,000,00 100,000,00 12,000,00 425,000,00 2,000,000,00 500,000,00	
			A 40 H	• • • • • • • • • • • •
Book value of the above securities. Note:—As the income from the operation of these	\$53,209,595.71		4.57 (00 400 4	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

or interest are received on these securities.

Statement of Other Securities Owned

	1			
Kind		PAR VALUE		
	2		1	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST
Stocks:	PLEDGED	UNPLEDGED	TOTAL	RECEIVED
Ruffalo Creals Patterns C				
Coxe Bros. & Co., Incorporated. Highland Coal Co. Lebiob. & Hard.		£125 000 00	*****	
Highland Coal Co. Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Co.	a \$2,910 150 00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$8,750.00
		120,000.00	2,910,150.00 120,000.00	1,466,854.43
Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Co. Lehigh Valley Coal Co. National Storage Co.		572,800.00	572,800.00	14,400.00 57,280.00
Lehigh Valley Coal Co. National Storage Co. New York & Midd.	b 9,465,000.00		9,465,000.00	6,892,055.18
National Storage Co New York & Middle Coal Field Railroad & Coal Co Philadelphia Grain Elevator Co Wyoming Valley Water Special Co		2,400,000.00	2,400,000.00	0,072,033.10
Wyomica V. Grain Elevator Co		1,216,325.00	1,216,325.00	150.000.00
Philadelphia Grain Elevator Co. Wyoming Valley Water Supply Co. Miscellancous	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	164,000.00	164,000.00	9,840.00
Miscellaneous Vater Supply Co.	*************	1,686,900.00	1,686,900.00	75,000.00
Total	***************************************	11,009.00	11,009.00	6,882.50
Total Bonds:	\$12,375,150,00	\$6,296,034.00	\$18,671,184.00	\$0.001.000.11
Bonds:	+,0,0,200.00		\$10,071,184.00	\$8,681,062.11
Dominion of Canada, 5½% Victory Loan U. S. Gov't., Liberty and Victory Loan The Virginian Pallyry Co.				
The Virginia B. and Victory Loan		\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$8,130.65
Allegham, William Mortgage 5%	************		***********	459.16
Johnstown Passanger D. General Mortgage 4%		50,000.00	50,000.00	2,500.00
Market St Flowered Railway Co., Consolidated Mortgage 4%	*******	40.000 00	40.000.00	1,600.00
Market St. Elevated Passenger Ry. Co., Forsolidated Mortgage 4%. New York Short Linc, First Mortgage 4%. Phila, Rapid Transit Co., Collateral Trust 5%. Public Service Comp. of No.		16,000.00 22,000.00	16,000.00	640.00
Phila. Rapid Transit Co., Collateral Trust 5%. Public Service Corp'n of New Jersey, General Mortgage 5%.		117,000.00	22,000.00 117,000.00	880.00
Public Service Corp'n of New Jersey Constitution		34,000.00	34,000.00	4,113.33
Public Service Corp'n of New Jersey, General Mortgage 5%. Reading Co. P. & R. Coal and Iron Co., General Mortgage 4%. Virginia & Southwestern Ry, Co., First Mortgage 5%.		46,000,00	46,000.00	1,583.33 2,300.00
Virginia & Southwestern Ry. Co., First Mortgage 4%		13,000.00	13,000.00	520.00
Canading Co.—Jersey Central, Collateral Trust 407		43,000.00	43,000,00	2,150.00
Reading Co.—Jersey Central, Collateral Trust 4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Trust Certificates.		25,000.00	25,000.00	1,000.00
Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Trust Certificates. Penna, Co., 4% Trust Certificates. Buffalo Creek Railroad Co., First Refunding Mortgage 5%.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,000.00	1,000.00	60.00
- Tamoda Co., First Refunding Mortgage For	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	24,000.00	24,000.00	1,040.00
Total	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	26,000.00	26,000.00	975.00
Other Securities		\$757,000.00	\$757,000.00	\$27,951.47
Other Securities Grand Total Book value of the above securities		\$3,603,301.01	\$3,603,301.01	
Book value of the above assessing	\$12,375,150,00	\$10,656,335.01		\$1,487.50
			\$23,031,485.01	\$8,710,501.08
a Pledged under Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Collateral Trust Agreemen	Ψ17,002,003.43 T	\$11,639,419.23	\$29,001,424.66	
Pledged under Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Conateral Trust Agreemen	t of November 1,	1905.		

a Pledged under Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Collateral Trust Agreement of November 1, 1905.

Pledged under Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. General Consolidated Mortgage of September 30, 1903.

Pledged under Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. 10-year Collateral Trust Agreement of August 31, 1918.

The book value of the securities, \$86,681,853.20, is carried on the balance sheet as follows:

Investments in Affiliated Companies—Stocks, Bonds and Notes

Other Investments—Stocks, Bonds and Miscellaneous.

\$85,092,744.44

1,589,108.76

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Statement of Funded Debt, December 31, 1923

Table 3

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	ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR	\$200,000.00 \$34,150.00 603,720.00 \$193,710.00 \$1,078,120.00	† 931,365.00 †	\$2,456.67		\$4.407.731.67
INTEREST	PAYABLE	June and Dec. June and Dec. June and Dec. June and Dec. May and Dec.	and	Feb. and Aug.	Mar. and Sept. Feb. and Aug. †	
	RATE	41/2 % 44 6% % 41/2 % 41/2 % 41/2 % 41/2 %	41/2%	4%	6%	
	In Hands of THE Public	\$5,000,000	20,697,000	1,908,000	15,000,000	\$82,158,000
E	IN IREASURY OF THE COMPANY OR PLEDGED	707 000	\$\$12,080,000 1,000,000 \$26,000,000	292,000	000000	\$42,878,000
	DATE OF MATURITY	June 1, 1948 Dec. 1, 1923 Perpetual Dec. 1, 1923 Perpetual	Sept. 30, 1903 May 1, 2003	\$500,000 semi-annually	Sept. 1, 1928	Feb. 1, 1950
	DATE OF ISSUE	May 15, 1868 June Nov. 13, 1873 Perpetu Perpetu Perpetu	Sept. 30, 1903	Nov. 1, 1905	Aug. 31, 1918	Feb. 1, 1906 Feb.
	DESCRIPTION	LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY: First Mortgage Bonds	*General Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	Collateral Trust Bonds	Collateral Trust Bonds (Ten-Year)	

*Amount of authorized issue, \$150,000,000. \$1,31,306,000 pledged with United States Government. \$4,400,000 pledged under Ten-Year 6% Collateral Trust Agreement of August 31, 1918.

\$\$12,000,000 pledged under Ten-Year 6% Collateral Trust Agreement of August 31, 1918.

The figure of August 31, 1918.

Excludes interest on securities in the Treasury.

Guaranties and Rentals, Year Ended December 31, 1923

Table 4

DESTRUCT C	Accrued During the	\$499,950.00 2,295.00 200,000.00 67,500.00 120,000.00 675,000.00 10,000.00	80,000.00	40,000.00	\$11,100.68	
Q site	PAYABLE DURIN Y. Y.	April and Oct. May and Nov. April and Oct. April and Oct. April and Oct. Jan. and July May and Nov. Mar. and Sept.	May and Nov. Mar. and Sept.			
	RATE	24,44 22,44,44 88,88,88,88,88	41/2%			
	In Hands of THE PUBLIC	\$9,999,000 \$1,000 4,000,000 1,500,000 15,000,000 2,000,000 3,000,000	2,000,000	\$39.375.000		
	DATE OF MATURITY	Oct. 1, 1941 Nov. 1, 1935 April 1, 1939 July 1, 1940 Nov. 1, 1942 Mar. 1, 1952	<u>+</u> +			
	DATE OF ISSUE	Oct. 1, 1891 Oct. 7, 1895 Nov. 13, 1888 June 23, 1890 Aug. 26, 1892 Aug. 26, 1892	1, 24,			
	GUARANTIES	ENTIRE CAPITAL STOCK OWNED: Lehigh Valley Terminal Railway Co., First Mortgage Bonds Easton & Northern Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds Penna. & N. Y. Canal & Railroad Co., Consolidated Mortgage Bonds The Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co., First Mortgage Bonds Middlesex Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds	The Lehigh & Lake Erie Kailroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds Lehigh-Buffalo Terminal Railway Corp'n, First Mortgage Bonds MAJORITY CAPITAL STOCK OWNED: Lehigh & New York Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds	Total RENTALS—LINES NOT OWNED:	State Line and Sullivan Kaulroad Co Raritan Terminal and Transportation Co New York Central Railroad Co	Total Interest and Rentals

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS, ENTIRE SYSTEM, YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 1923

Table 5

	Expenditures And Charges	RETIREMENTS	NET AMOUNT
Engineering	\$28,384.23		\$20.204.20
Land for transportation purposes	999,196.99	\$551,775.15	\$28,384.23 447,421.84
Grading	133,697.70	6,684.45	127,013.25
Bridges, trestles and culverts	72,365.22	20,119.33	52,245.89
Ties	34,957.47	6,072.02	28,885.45
Rails	329,718.71	5,937.41	323,781.30
Other track material	221,762.38	3,456.64	218,305.74
Ballast	87,954.05	366.43	87,587.62
Track laying and surfacing	76,580.60	5,098.36	71,482.2
Crossings and signs	98,210.07	1,365.00	96,845.0
Station and office buildings	327,183.67	34,624.88	292,558.79
Roadway buildings		12,619.00	3,923.1
Water stations	15,010.29	2,850.00	12,160.2
Fuel stations	16,558.59	3,607.90	12,950.69
Shops and engine houses	30,001.08	853.92	29,147.1
Grain elevators	924.80		924.8
Wharves and docks	16,524.12	529,695.27	513,171.1
Coal and ore wharves	26,538.70		26,538.7
Telegraph and telephone lines	1,250.49	• • • (•]•, • • • • • • • •	1,250.4
Signals and interlockers	8,404.06	355.80	8,048.2
Power plant buildings	10,093.73	•••••	10,093.7
Power substation buildings		779.42	779.4
Power transmission systems		356.93	356.9
Power distribution systems	3,206.19	671.00	2,535.1
Power line poles and fixtures	941.10	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	941.1
Roadway machines	35,274.78	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	35,274.7
Assessments for public improvements	87,592.73	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	87,592.7
Shop machinery	23,632.30	2,355.00	21,277.30
Power plant machinery	9,012.08	5,013.89	3,998.1
Power substation apparatus	13,501,14	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	13,501.1
Steam locomotives	7,956,218.57	. 3,805,335.36	4,150,883.2
Freight train cars	230,463.72	4,165,933.78	3,935,470.0
Passenger train cars	17,284.07	269,989.23	252,705.10
Floating equipment	574,329.57	316,172.69	258,156.8
Work equipment	363,355.25	72,510.51	290,844.7
Miscellaneous equipment	1,950.00	2,150.00	200.0
General expenditures	7,779.11	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	7,779.1
Total	\$11,876,399.72	\$9,826,749.37	\$2,049,650.3

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LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY EQUIPMENT (ENTIRE SYSTEM) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1923

Table 6

LOCOMOTIVES: Tractive power (pounds)	983 39,586,576
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Passenger Equipment: Passenger	231
Combined passenger and baggage	47
Combined baggage and mail	18
Baggage and express	192
Dining	12
Kitchen	
Library buffet.	
Postal	3
Milk	13.
Total	64.
20102	
Reight Equipment:	
Box	11,68
Coal	14.93
Gondola	2,88
Flat	3
Refrigerator	1,19
Automobile	1,74
Ice	27
Well	
Gun and armor	
Set of gun and armor trucks	48
Cabooses	48
Total	33,25
Vork Equipment:	
Air-brake instruction	10
Air-dump	10 79
Ash	19
Box	2
Coal	3
Derrick	5
Flat Gondola	35
Grading	1
Hospital	1
Locomotive cranes	4
Motor	
Official .	
File driver	
Pole	
Scale-test	
Snow flangers.	2
Snow plows.	1
Spreader	
Steam shovels.	
Tank	
Tool	3
Tunnel	
Unloader	
Workmen's	33
Total	1,86
ROATING FOURNESSES	
CLOATING EQUIPMENT:	1
FLOATING EQUIPMENT: Tugs	1
Tugs	
Tugs	19
Tugs Steam lighters Barges Car floats	19
Tugs	19 3

MILEAGE OF ROAD AND TRACK OPERATED, DECEMBER 31, 1923

By Corporate Ownership

Table 7

	MILES OF ROAD	SECOND TRACK MILES	THIRD TRACK MILES	Fourth Track Miles	INDUS- TRIAL TRACK MILES	YARD TRACKS & SIDINGS MILES	TOTAL TRACK MILES
LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY	278.72	186.99	43.79	29.99	114.46	255.81	909.76
CONTROLLED BY OWNERSHIP OF ENTIRE CAPITAL STOCK: Lehigh Valley Railroad Company of New Jersey Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Com-	120.78	92.08	37.85	13.07	49.42	240.01	553.21
pany The Lehigh Valley Rail Way Company The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Rail Road	123.48	98.00 197.50	4.78 15.82	2.03	53.67 32.63	184.80 311.25	466.76 1,072.10
Company Easton & Northern Railroad Company. The Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. Loyalsock Railroad Company. Montrose Railroad Company. National Storage Company. Lehigh Valley Harbor Terminal Railway Company.	18.73 12.78 41.84 44.95 27.36	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			13.12 4.43 3.08 8.17 1.53 .76	3.92 1.16 5.15 5.43 2.26 8.04 10.88	35.77 18.37 50.07 58.55 31.15 8.80 10.88
Total	904.82	387.58	58.45	15.10	166.81	772.90	2,305.66
Controlled by Ownership of Majority of Capital Stock and Lease: Lehigh and New York Railroad Company	1		• • • • • • • •	•••••	7.59	31.87	154.83
OPERATED UNDER LEASE: State Line and Sullivan Railroad Company Haytts Corners, Ovid and Willard Railroad Company. New York Central Railroad Company Raritan Terminal and Transportation Company	2.98	• • • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1.00 .20	2.68 12.65	27.71 3.18 12.65 .60
Total	27.01		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1.80	15.33	44.14
Trackage Rights: Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Peoples Railway Company. Delaware and Hudson Company. Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company. Lehigh and New England Railroad Company. Susquehanna and New York Railroad Company. Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Mountain Spring Water Ice Company. John C. Haddock Estate. Middle Lehigh Coal Company. Central Railroad Company of New Jersey. New York, Ontario and Western Railroad Company. Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company. Erie Railroad Company. New York Central Railroad Company.	1.67 .88 .44 4.01 .08 .10	1.61			1.00 .84 .50 2.42	.66	38.44 3.47 3.94 .88 1.18 4.01 1.00 .84 .50 2.42 .08 .10
Total		14.29	•••••		8.25		39.64
	48.23	34.20	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	13.75	2.18	98.36
Grand Total	1,374.15	608.77	102.24	45.09	304.41	1,078.09	3,512.75
MILEAGE BY STATES: Pennsylvania New York. New Jersey. Total	651.99 137.93	286.55 212.99 109.23	48.57 15.82 37.85	32.02	204.96 48.73 50.72	461.82 358.64 257.63	1,618.15 1,288.17 606.43
	1,374.15	608.77	102.24	45.09	304.41	1,078.09	3,512.75

Note:—Adjustment in "Miles of Road" results from transfer of certain tracks to "Industrial Track Miles" in accordance with I. C. C.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Years Ended December 31, 1923 and 1922

Table 8

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Decrease		\$11,796.76		\$64,090.99			\$638,266.16		\$101,099.93 227,272.04 316,967,62 440,960.71			\$68.831.36 15,512.72 75,799.99		
INCREASE	.40	\$10,966,992.65 326,039.91 1,217,067.16 383,391.86 156,724.85 35,887.75 123,957.17	\$13,516,264.59	\$742,135,46 4,002,622,42 2,987,875,73 9,702.01 49,517.96 2,511.44	\$7,730,274.03	\$5,785,990.56	\$330,092.18 11,200.78 99,926.99	\$5,983,036.77	\$5,599,140.41	\$4,750,653.03	\$10,733,689.80	\$205,182.94 64,036.89 46,754.93	\$155,830.69	\$10,577,859.11
PER CENT. OF OPERATING REVENUES		25 S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	100	118.24.12	95									
1922	1,373.32	\$15,425,979.81 1,907,568.29 33,279,173.48 7,022,934.06 310,438.29 1,213,666.94 2,307,579.51	\$62,418,889.12	\$7.070,757.44 19,759,604.40 1,241,057.48 29,152,785.75 253,004.80 1,514,444.55 7,773.99	\$59,023,940.43	\$3,394,948.69	\$1,993,215.91 7,265.66 1,066,941.40 248,026.58	\$590,083.62	\$399,099.64 232,430.54 3,081,921.70 346,406.59 674,021.84 98,760.38	\$4,832,640.69	\$5,422,724.31	\$1,939,802,04 331,405.70 322,884,30 4,483,531,66 51,029,60 285,317,55	\$7,413,970.85	\$1,991,246.54
PER CENT. OF OPERATING REVENUES		86 411 04 11	100	010 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	88									
1923	1,373.72	\$26,392,972.46 \$233,608.20 \$4,496,440.64 7,406,345.92 298,641.53 1,370,421.79 2,661,686.49 1,075,236.68	\$75,935,153.71	\$7,812,892.90 23,762,266.82 1,176,966.49 32,140,661.48 302,706.81 1,563,962.51	\$66,754,214.46	\$9,180,939.25	\$2,323,308.09 3,935,12 428,675,24 148,099.59	\$6,573,120.39	\$297,999.71 \$.158.50 8,681,062.11 29,438.97 233,061.13 336,573.30	\$9,583,293.72	\$16,156,414.11	\$1,870,970.68 \$15,892.98 \$28,067.24 4,407,731.67 115,066.49 332,072.48	\$7,569,801.54	\$8,586,612.57
	AVERAGE MILES OF ROAD OPERATED	Operating Revenues: Anthracite coal freight revenue. Bituminous coal freight revenue. Merchandise freight revenue. Passenger revenue Mail revenue Express revenue Captess revenue Incidental revenue	Total Operating Revenues	Operating Expenses: Maintenance of way and structures. Maintenance of equipment Traffic expenses Transportation expenses Miscellaneous operations General expenses Transportation for investment—Cr.	Total Operating Expenses	NET OPERATING REVENUE.	Railway tax accretals Uncollectible railway revenues Equipment rents—net Joint facility rents—net	NET RAILWAY OPERATING INCOME	Orher I KOOME; Sparately operating physical property Separately operated properties—profit. Dividend income Income from unfunded securities. Income from unfunded securities and accounts. Miscellaneous income	Total Other Income	Total Income	Deductions from Income: Rent for leased roads. Miscellaneous rents Miscellaneous tax accruals. Interest on funded debt. Miscellaneous income charges.	Total Deductions from Income	Net Income

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY

Operating Revenues and Expenses, by Months, for the Year Ended December 31, 1923

RAILWAY OPERATING REVENUES

Table 9

Total Railway Operating Revenues	\$5,123,086.84 4,708,230.65 6,196,227.92 6,518,074.73 6,6821,119.79 7,6525,097.80 6,922,492.09 5,283,243.87 7,556,650.30 6,723,185,18 6,313,856.54	\$75,935,153.71	Net Revenue From	RAILWAY OPERATIONS	\$627,865.47 367,242.45 789,361.77 998,238.22 1,264,473.52 1,047,160.22 1,039,251.46 573,360.19 1,563,338.95 1,235,167.62 1,567,303.63	\$9.180,939.25
Incidental	\$89,030.18 72,927.66 94,929.95 96,531.10 100,454.32 99,727.91 88,493.35 82,985.35 82,985.35 83,411.30 77,570.84 95,371.36	\$1,075,236.68		Total Railway Operating Expenses	\$5,750,892.25 5,344,384.02 5,728,712.96 5,728,712.96 5,783,881.57 5,777,337.58 5,713,240,63 4,709,883.68 5,993,311.35 5,993,311.35 5,993,311.35 5,488,017.56	\$66,754,214.46
Other Transportation	\$65,255.85 58,403.57 70,408.05 70,792.62 93,995.76 83,707.74 83,493.25 71,434.25 71,434.25 71,434.25 71,434.25 64,831.97 66,085.44	\$860,315.53		Transportation for Investment— Cr.	\$681.21 545.38 108.42 28.47 274.82 492.04 634.08 636.44 625.23 444.95	\$5,202,55
Other Passenger Train	\$144,654.66 133,669.09 146,775.47 160,053.63 168,490.40 180,461.17 144,130.71 147,443.97 138,143.78 130,092.44	\$1,801,370.96		General	\$127,087,65 115,729,11 128,103,60 123,132,11 122,407,87 134,154,22 121,620,12 128,467,15 129,875,06 147,693,90 151,495,61	\$1.563.962.51
Express	\$92,935.96 104,446.45 142,749.79 122,661.38 115,772.37 105,779.59 92.338.79 112,973.82 111,097.33	\$1,370,421.79	EXPENSES	Miscellaneous Operations	\$21,303.63 19,475.02 18,651.55 26,364.89 24,700.50 30,897.11 29,655.77 25,797.80 26,111.77 26,228.09 25,192.78 28,328.21	\$302,706.81
Mail	\$25,398.94 24,298.16 24,191.33 24,68.23 25,023.37 24,24.59 24,147.89 25,40.66 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 24,087.97 26,087.97	\$298,641.53	OPERATING 1	Transportation	\$2,819,037.82 2,530,525.12 2,737,244.74 2,737,244.74 2,711,976.02 2,691,472.05 2,691,472.05 2,639,049.29 2,359,154.98 2,856,534.15 2,856,534.15 2,789,903.19 2,674,885,65	\$32,140,661.48
Passenger	\$554,075.21 486.847.70 564,722.40 561,188.35 535,668.26 680,373.97 703,427.98 787,052.30 762,797.28 590,771.59 547,615.94	\$7,406,345.92	RAILWAY C	Тгатс	\$95,449.14 97,605.71 98,143.29 94,824.72 90,586.46 98,041.86 97,852.39 105,540.44 79,359.80 109,475.25 103,009.30	\$1,176,966.49
Merchandise Freight	\$1,694,523.38 1,433,402.85 2,433,121.27 3,036,749.96 3,022,617.66 3,155,806.17 3,062,301.84 3,136,839.64 3,319,543.27 3,498,470.48 3,154,701.27	\$34,496,240.64		Maintenance of Equipment	\$2,242,222.39 2,143,137.25 2,287,442.03 2,085,677.41 2,030,774.09 2,123,580.56 2,173,580.56 2,173,580.56 2,137,322.85 1,422,404.59 2,131,444.09 1,727,977.88 1,160,040.50	\$23,762,226.82
Coal Freight	\$2,457,212.66 2,374,535.16 2,699,329.63 2,445,629.46 2,612.160.88 2,712,804.08 2,592,517.35 2,611,770.49 1,080.162.68 2,688,123.08 2,688,123.08 2,688,123.08 2,688,123.08	\$28,626,580.66		Maintenance of Way and Structures	\$446,472.83 438,657.19 563,739.33 661,497.56 703,711.45 710,652.67 742,644.52 694,701.02 746,391.15 694,865.74 625,159.76	\$7,812,892.90
Months	January February March April May June July August September October November	Total		Months	January February March April May June July August September October November December	Total

General Operating Results for the Years Ended December 31, 1923 and 1922

Table 10

	1923	1922	Increase OR Decrease	PER CENT.
Train and Locomotive Mileage				
Revenue freight train miles	6,885,555	5,916,196	969,359	16.38
Revenue passenger train miles	3,186,400	3,183,049	3,351	.1
Revenue milk and express train miles	943,923	928,153	15,770	1.70
Revenue mixed train miles	95,086	94,337	749	.7
Revenue special train miles.	5,615	3,549	2,066	58.2
Total revenue service train miles	11,116,579	10,125,284	991,295	9.7
Helping and light freight locomotive miles	1,671,507	1,516,213	155,294	10.2
Helping and light passenger locomotive miles	543,399	488,881	54,518	11.1
Helping and light mixed locomotive miles	9,417	9,062	355	3.9
Helping and light special locomotive miles	1,037	398	639	160.5
Total revenue service locomotive miles, excluding switching	13,341,939	12,139,838	1,202,101	9.9
Switching locomotive miles.	5,126,100	4,412,568	713,532	16.1
Total revenue service locomotive miles	18,468,039	16,552,406	1,915,633	11.5
Non-revenue service locomotive miles	936,842	644,950	291,892	45.2
Per cent. of helping and light mileage to revenue train mileage	20.02	19.90	.12	.6
ter come of nothing and name mouse to revenue train mineage.	20.02	17.70		
CAR MILEAGE				
Freight car miles—loaded	196,327,206	168,262,043	28,065,163	16.6
Freight car miles—empty	90,798,091	78,349,519	12,448,572	15.8
Freight car miles—caboose	7,250,068	6,353,559	896,509	14.:
Total freight car miles	294,375,365	252,965,121	41,410,244	16.
Average number of loaded freight cars per train	28.12	27.99	.13	.4
Average number of empty freight cars per train	13.01	13.04	.03	.2
Average number of all freight cars per train	41.13	41.03	.10	.2
Per cent. of loaded car mileage to total car mileage	66.69	66.52	.17	.2
Per cent. of empty car mileage to total car mileage	30.85	30.97	.12	
Per cent. of caboose car mileage to total car mileage	2.46	2.51	.05	1.9
Passenger car miles—including Pullman	15,090,098	15,068,134	21,964	.1
Baggage, dining, mail, express and milk car miles	17,648,578	16,699,540	949,038	5.0
Total passenger car miles	32,738,676	31,767,674	971,002	3.0
Average number of passenger cars per train	7.93	7.73	.20	2.5
Special revenue service car miles	36,010	31,182	4,828	15.4
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Table 11

General Traffic Results for the Years Ended December 31, 1923 and 1922

	1923	1922	Increase OR Decrease	PER CENT.
Average miles of road operated	1,373.72	1,373.32	.40	.03
FREIGHT TRAFFIC				
Tons of revenue freight carried	31,164,643	23,071,515	8,093,128	35.08
Tons of company freight carried	2,803,081	2,312,679	490,402	21.20
Tons of all freight carried	33,967,724	25,384,194	8,583,530	33.81
Tons of revenue coal carried one mile	2,482,541,982	1,415,578,323	1,066,963,659	75.37
Tons of revenue merchandise carried one mile	3,233,942,404	3,042,517,496	191,424,908	6.29
Tons of company freight carried one mile	151,425,442	165,570,040	14,144,598	8.54
Tons of all freight carried one mile	5,867,909,828	4,623,665,859	1,244,243,969	26.91
Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road	4,161,317	3,246,218	915,099	28.19
Average distance revenue freight carried—in miles	183.43	193.23	9.80	5.07
Revenue from freight	\$63,122,821.30	\$50,612,721.58	\$12,510,099.72	24.72
Average revenue per ton carried	\$2.02-546 1.104	\$2.19-373 1.135	\$.16-827	7.67
Average revenue per ton per mile—in cents	\$45,950.28	\$36,854.28	\$9,096.00	2.73
Freight revenue per mile of road operated	\$45,950.28 \$9.04-255	\$30,854.28	\$5,050.00	24.68
Tons of revenue freight per revenue freight train	\$9.04-255 818.91	741.71	77.20	7.39
Tons of all freight per revenue freight train	840.60	769.26	71.34	10.41
Tons of all freight hauled per revenue service locomotive, excluding	0-10.00	705.20	71.01	9.27
switching miles	677.47	613.56	63.91	10.42
Average number of tons of all freight in each loaded car	29.89	27.48	2.41	8.77
g con the second to the s	27107			0.77
Passenger Traffic				
Revenue passengers carried	4,217,844	4,083,610	134,234	3.29
Revenue passengers carried one mile	232,363,980	218,630,400	13,733,580	6.28
Revenue passengers carried one mile per mile of road	169,149	159,198	9,951	6.25
Average distance carried—in miles	55.09	53.54	1.55	2.90
Revenue from passengers	\$7,406,345.92	\$7,022,954.06	\$383,391.86	5.46
Average revenue per passenger—in cents	175.596	171.979	3.617	2.10
Average revenue per passenger per mile—in cents	3.187	3.212	.025	.78
Average revenue from passengers per passenger train mile (excluding				
milk and express)	\$2.29-019	\$2.17-414	\$.11-605	5.34
Passenger service train revenue	\$10,876,780.20	\$10,265,564.77	\$611,215.43	5.95
Passenger service train revenue per mile of road	\$7,917.76	\$7,475.00	\$442.76	5.92
express)	¢2.60.242	#2.46.96F	¢ 12 470	F 40
Average revenue passengers per car	\$2.60-343 15	\$2.46-865 15	\$.13-478	5.46
Average revenue passengers per train (including mixed)	72	68	4	5.88
thinking mixtures processes per train (mending mixture)	, 2	00		3.00
Revenues and Expenses				
Freight and passenger revenue	\$70,529,167.22	\$57,635,675.64	\$12,893,491.58	22.37
Freight and passenger revenue per mile of road	\$51,341.73	\$41,968.13	\$9,373.60	22.34
Total operating revenues	\$75,935,153.71	\$62,418,889.12	\$13,516,264.59	21.65
Total operating revenues per mile of road	\$55,277.02	\$45,451.09	\$9,825.93	21.62
Operating expenses	\$66,754,214.46	\$59,023,940.43	\$7,730,274.03	13.10
	87.91%	94.56%	6.65%	7.03
Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues				
Operating expenses per mile of road	\$48,593.75	\$42,979.02	\$5,614.73	13.06
Net operating revenue per mile of road	\$48,593.75 \$9,180,939.25 \$6,683.27	\$42,979.02 \$3,394,948.69 \$2,472.07	\$5,614.73 \$5,785,990.56 \$4,211.20	13.06 170.43 170.35

Classification of Tonnage for the Years Ended December 31, 1923 and 1922

Table 12

	192	23	1922			
COMMODITY	Tons	Per Cent.	Tons	PER CENT.		
PRODUCTS OF AGRICULTURE:						
Wheat	592,778	1.90	706,263	3.06		
Corn	216,546	.70	394,489	1.71		
Oats	159,039	.51	307,996	1.33		
Other grain	101,053	.32	179,116	.78		
Flour and meal	773,797	2.48	940,161	4.07		
Other mill products	299,528	.96	287,144	1.24		
Hay, straw and alfalfa	239,061	.77	225,768	.93		
Tobacco	4,662	.02	6,668	.02		
Cotton	8,009	.03	13,035	.06		
Cotton seed and products, except oil	1,074	.00	1,282	.01		
Citrus fruits	14,480	.05	7,246	.03		
Other fresh fruits	62,770	.20	76,267	.33		
Potatoes	56,352	.18	53,641	.23		
Other fresh vegetables.	40,063	.13	41,164	.18		
Dried fruits and vegetables	15,240	.05	22,364	.10		
Other products of agriculture	135,025	.43	114,767	.50		
Total	2,719,477	8.73	3,377,371	14.63		
Propyroma on Assessed						
Products of Animals:	1,120	00	0.406	01		
Horses and mules		.00	2,436	.01		
Cattle and calves	25,243	.08	23,630	.10		
Sheep and goats	1,809	.01	3,664	.02		
Hogs	29,466 95,414	.09	27,543	.12		
Fresh meats	113,528	.31	154,156	.67		
Other packing-house products		.36	125,883	.54		
Poultry	10,822	.04	15,708	.07		
Eggs	22,812	.07	36,407	.16		
Butter and cheese	33,903	.11	43,889	.19		
Wool	4,524	.01	10,912	.05		
Hides and leather	39,973	.13	44,868	.19		
Other products of animals	6,198	.02	18,376	.08		
Total	384,812	1.23	507,472	2.20		
Products of Mines:						
Anthracite coal	13,903,038	44.61	7,931,540	34.38		
Bituminous coal	2,404,327	7.71	1,848,877	8.01		
Coke	199,020	.64	170,392	.74		
Iron ore	1,156,163	3.71	585,391	2.54		
Other ores and concentrates	74,053	.24	51,699	.22		
Base bullion and matte	14,247	.05	22,070	.10		
Clay, gravel, sand and stone	1,103,522	3.54	1,131,556	4.90		
Crude petroleum	1,181	.00	538	.00		
Asphaltum	118,439	.38	139,848	.61		
Salt	311,182	1.00	282,183	1.22		
Other products of mines	14,752	.05	15,272	.07		
Total	19,299,924	61.93	12,179,366	52.79		

Classification of Tonnage for the Years Ended December 31, 1923 and 1922, Continued

Table 12

	192	23	1922		
COMMODITY	Tons	PER CENT.	Tons	PER CENT.	
PRODUCTS OF FORESTS:					
Logs, posts, poles and cord wood	169,861	.55	80,594	.3	
Ties	11,859	.04	21,332	.0	
Pulp wood	529	.00	1,125	.0	
Lumber, timber, box shooks, staves and headings	480,453	1.54	415,149	1.8	
Other products of forests	38,299	.12	42,075	.1	
Total	701,001	2.25	560,275	2.4	
Manufactures and Miscellaneous:					
Refined petroleum and its products	541,636	1.74	471,178	2.0	
Vegetable oils	4,915	.02	7,911	.0	
Sugar, sirup, glucose and molasses	146,765	.47	192,850	.8	
Boats and vessel supplies	81	.00	5,619	.0	
Iron, pig and bloom	252,161	.81	293,937	1.2	
Rails and fastenings	3,004	.01	28,569	.1	
Bar and sheet iron, structural iron and iron pipe	591,311	1.90	626,399	2.7	
Other metals, pig, bar and sheet	72,976	.23	125,752	.5	
Castings, machinery and boilers	56,086	.18	80,935	.3	
Cement	1,378,827	4.42	1,080,377	4.6	
Brick and artificial stone	171,929	.55	119,997	.5	
Lime and plaster	48,930	.16	69,596	.3	
Sewer pipe and drain tile	5,945	.02	12,336	.0	
Agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobile	23,168	.08	23,996	.1	
Automobiles and autotrucks	259,980	.83	183,645	.8	
Household goods and secondhand furniture	5,646	.02	3,987	.0	
Furniture (new)	14,879	.05	19,703	.0	
Beverages	14,188	.05	12,455	.0	
Ice	113,158	.36	117,888	.5	
Fertilizers (all kinds)	44,200	.14	46,602	.2	
Paper, printed matter and books	31,674	.10	80,113	.3	
Chemicals and explosives	243,314	.78	242,692	1.0	
Textiles	7,187	.02	14,861	.0	
Canned goods (all canned food products)	101,828	.33	122,875	.5	
Other manufactures and miscellaneous	3,235,409	10.38	1,808,669	7.8	
Total	7,369,197	23.65	5,792,942	25.1	
Grand Total, Carload Traffic	30,474,411	97.79	22,417,426	97.1	
Merchandise—All L. C. L. freight	690,232	2.21	654,089	2.8	
Grand Total, Carload and L. C. L. Traffic	31,164,643	100.00	23,071,515	100.00	

GENERAL REMARKS TO OWNERS OF RAILROAD SECURITIES

The railroad situation, from the standpoint of owners of railroad securities, continues to warrant the closest attention. The year 1923, generally speaking, was the most successful the transportation companies have experienced in many years. Business was good almost continuously and it was handled efficiently without car shortage, congestion or other difficulty. All signs point to the conclusion that the carriers slowly but surely are recovering from the effects of the war, Federal operation and the labor difficulties of 1922.

Legislative
Situation
Is Menacing.

Unfortunately, however, the prospects for the future are not so bright as this would indicate. Despite the widespread plea for a legislative holiday for the carriers, the session of Congress starting in December brought a large number of bills and resolutions which, if passed, will seriously affect the welfare of the railroads. Adherents of Government of the passed, will seriously affect the welfare of the railroads.

ment ownership or operation have presented several bills. Others are proposing laws under which freight and passenger rates would be made by Congress, thus taking present powers from the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has exercised jurisdiction over this important and intricate subject for many years. Political considerations appear to some to be paramount to the necessity of providing adequate transportation service.

The legislative situation obviously has not helped the credit of the railways and should many of the proposed laws be enacted, the prospects for necessary expansion and development of our National transportation system to meet the constantly growing needs of business are not brightened. Competent authorities figure that to keep abreast of the commercial growth of the nation the railroads must raise at least eight billion dollars in new capital in the next ten years. The present volume of earnings and the experience of recent years clearly indicate that the railroads will be able to raise only a small part of this amount through the sale of new stock. As a matter of fact, practically all railroad capital must now be raised through the sale of bonds. With constantly increasing difficulties in the credit situation the limit of the burden of indebtedness they can carry successfully must soon be reached. The situation, however, serious as it undoubtedly is, is by no means hopeless. More and more the people are coming to realize the vital importance to the country of an efficient transportation system and that this is possible only through a square deal to the railroads. The spirit of fair play has never failed in America and it seems certain that present conditions will in time be corrected.

Taxes Costing Roads Million Dollars a Day. Almost as important to the future prosperity of the railroads as a rest from legislative regulation and restriction is the necessity of relief from the steadily increasing burden of taxation. All business, of course, suffers heavily from the expense of government—National, State and local—but the situation of the railroads is even more difficult.

Not only are they subject to the taxes imposed on all business enterprise, but they must pay these taxes from earnings which more and more are subject to regulation by Government authority. Freight and passenger rates are always under Government review and wages paid employes are regulated to a considerable extent by a Government tribunal. In addition, one-half of all earnings above 6% on the value of the properties used in transportation service are payable to the Government.

Taxes at the close of the year were costing the railroads of the country a million dollars a day and were in excess of the dividends paid by the carriers to their owners. Since 1913 taxes have increased 160% while dividends have actually decreased 10%.

The cost of operating a railroad has increased more than 100% in the last ten years, while the public is paying only 50% more for the service it is receiving. Despite this fact, there is a steady campaign for large reductions in freight rates, to aid various other industries suffering from economic conditions for which the railroads can in no way be held to blame. Such rate reductions, it has been demonstrated, would be of no material help to shippers, but would prove disastrous to the carriers.

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Need Public's Co-operation to Solve Problems. The past year has demonstrated conclusively that every citizen should overlook no opportunity to let the Senator or Congressman representing him at Washington know how he feels on matters of public interest. Owners of railroad securities have a positive duty in this respect. The supporters of measures looking to Government ownership of

railroads or other bills calculated to hamper or destroy the efficiency of the carriers are exceedingly active. It is to be hoped that all owners of railway stocks and bonds will do their utmost to arouse public sentiment in favor of a sane treatment of their properties in the interest alike of the owners and users of our transportation facilities, and in order that these tremendously important properties may not be wrecked by experiments with those theories which have failed so utterly in other countries.

E. E. LOOMIS,
President.





